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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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 b. ☐ Other _____

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 i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
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